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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability of February 2, 2004, please enter the following remarks:

In the Statement of Reasons for Allowance, the Examiner states, "Bosler, however, fails to disclose a ... second water cooling means ... and hole-punching means ..."

Applicants note that independent claim 26 specifies, "further cooling means" and does not require a "second water cooling means". Neither the cooling means nor the further cooling means of claim 26 includes any recitation of "water". Also, claim 26 does not require "hole-punching means". Therefore, independent claim 26 is not limited by these comments in the "Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for issuance. Early issuance of a patent is respectfully requested.

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